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REMARKS

Pending claims 1-34 are rejected as being based upon an allegedly defective reissue oath/declaration. Otherwise, claims 1-34 are indicated as being allowable to Applicant.

The reissue declaration filed in the present application has been rendered defective for allegedly failing to contain a statement concerning the non-deceptive intent of errors being corrected in the reissue application, as suggested by 37 C.F.R. §1.175 and MPEP §1414.

Enclosed is a substitute Reissue Declaration duly signed by the inventor. The substitute Declaration includes, verbatim, the Examiner's suggested language provided at page 2-3 of the Office Action. Accordingly, the enclosed declaration satisfies all of the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.175 and MPEP §1414. Thus, entry of the enclosed substitute Declaration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested.

As mentioned, claims 1-34 are otherwise allowable over the prior art. Accordingly, this application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's previously submitted comments concerning the sufficiency of the originally filed Reissue Declaration are maintained, despite the present submission of the substitute Declaration, in the event that Applicant should desire an appeal.

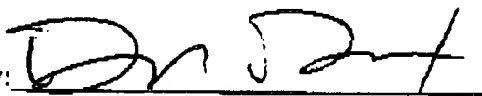
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the below-listed telephone number regarding this Response or otherwise concerning the present application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any necessary extension of time required for consideration of the present Submission.

If there are any charges due with respect to this Submission or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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